conform to the ecological requirements of importing countries by providing facilities by way of eco-testing laboratories.

**Development of textiles industries in Tamil Nadu**

429. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state;

(a) the total amount spent by Government in Tamil Nadu on the development of textiles industries during the last five years;

(b) the steps taken by Government to promote the garments sector in Tamil Nadu;

(c) whether Government have assessed the progress in production and the conditions of weavers in Tamil Nadu; and

(d) whether Government have undertaken any remedial measures in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) State-wise allocations are not made in the Ministry's budget. However, details of amounts spent from the plan outlay for development of textile and textile based activities including handicrafts during last five years is given below:

(Rs.Crores)

| Year | Outlay | Expenditure |
|---|---|---|
| 1997-1998 | 259.00 | 234.98 |
| 1998-1999 | 260.00 | 239.33 |
| 1999-2000 | 266.00 | 251.47 |
| 2000-2001 | 457.00 | 404.64(P) |
| 2001-2002 | 665.00 | 140.99* |

(P)-Provisional

Upto 13.07.2001 (latest available)

(b) Steps taken to promote and strengthen the garment sector in the country including Tamil Nadu cover de-reservation of the sector, duty imposition on import of garments to protect domestic units, introduction of Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) for modernization, as well as introduction of training programmes for enhancement of skill requirements in designing, merchandise and marketing.

(c) Yes, Sir. As per the 1995-96 Census the monthly handloom cloth production in Tamil Nadu was 44040265 linear Mts and the monthly average earnings of a weaver was Rs. 1461/-.

(d) The schemes to augment production and improve the living standards of weavers including those in Tamil Nadu *inter-alia*, are Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana, Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme, Thrift Fund Scheme, Health Package Scheme and Insurance Scheme.

**Handicraft units in Andhra Pradesh**

430. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state;

(a) the number of handicraft units presently functioning in different parts of Andhra Pradesh and number of workers/artisans engaged therein; and

(b) the schemes/incentives being given by Government for the promotion and development of handicrafts in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) As per the last census report on handicrafts artisans conducted by NCEAR in 1995-96, the number of handicraft units functioning in Andhra Prasesh is estimated to be 76283, employing nearly 1,21,880 artisans.

(b) The schemes/incentives being provided by the Government for promotion and development of handicrafts in the country including in the State of Andhra Pradesh include:- training for skill upgradation;